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SUBJECT:: UNDOCUMENTED MIGRANTS: INS AIR REPATRIATION

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1. INS HAS INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT THAT WHILE IT IS NOT ABLE TO SUSPEND TIJUANA-LEON FLIGHTS FOR DURATION OF INS EXPERIMENT IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO DOVETAIL THESE FLIGHTS WITH THE AIR REPATRIATION EXPERIMENT PROGRAM AS SUGGESTED BY EMBASSY IN REFTEL.

2. AT PRESENT U.S. AIRLINES ARE NOT IN POSITION TO REPATRIATE MANY MEXICANS FROM SAN DIEGO AREA UNDER EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM SINCE MOST SCHEDULED FLIGHTS ARE ALMOST ENTIRELY BOOKED. HOWEVER, MEXICAN AIRLINE AEREO SERVICIO DE CALIFORNIA, PRESENTLY INVOLVED IN TIJUANA-LEON FLIGHT, WOULD BE ABLE TO EXPAND ITS SERVICES FROM THE CURRENT TWO FLIGHTS WEEKLY TO DAILY FLIGHTS. INS WOULD PROVIDE FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TRANSPORTATION TO LEON AND WOULD MAINTAIN THE SAME CONDI-

TIONS AS ARE NOW IN EFFECT FOR AIR REPATRIATIONS ORIGINATING IN THE U.S.

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER GOM WOULD AGREE TO FOLDING IN OF THE TIJUANA-LEON FLIGHTS INTO EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM. THOSE PASSENGERS RETURNED WOULD BE

INCLUDED IN DOCUMENTATION-NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES ALREADY ADOPTED.

4. GOM CAN BE ASSURED THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MEXICANS REPATRIATED UNDER THE INS AIR REPATRIATION PROGRAM WILL NOT EXCEED THE ORIGINAL FIGURE OF APPROXIMATELY 15,000.

5. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT IF SEATS BECOME AVAILABLE ON U.S. CARRIERS DURING COURSE OF EXPERIMENTAL PERIOD THE MEXICAN TIJUANA-LEON FLIGHTS MAY BE REDUCED ACCORDINGLY.

6. TO DATE ONLY 1,500 MEXICANS HAVE BEEN REPATRIATED TO THE INTERIOR OF MEXICO UNDER THE INS EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM. ROBINSON

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